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For: <u>COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR <i>IN VIVO</i> AND <i>IN VITRO</i> ATTENUATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA</u>			

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from July 20, 2006 to September 20, 2006.

Please charge the amount of \$225 to cover the required extension fee, and charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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